

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 837

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Julene Purser Morgan of Dayton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Julene Purser Morgan; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morgan was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Rhea County, Julene Morgan was a 1967 graduate of Rhea County High School; and

WHEREAS, she began working in the County Trustee's office in 1976, where she continued until she was elected as the Rhea County Property Assessor in 1996, the position she served with acumen and alacrity for sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morgan was re-elected as Property Assessor in 2000, 2004, and 2008, and she was an employee of the county government for more than thirty-five estimable years; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Julene was involved in a number of non-profit organizations in Rhea County during her career; and

WHEREAS, she was an active and devout member of New Union Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, her numerous accomplishments aside, Mrs. Morgan was also deeply devoted to her family and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her mother, Jeanette Mathis; her loving husband, Mack Morgan; two sons, Jeff (Mae) Purser and Lebron (Rachel) Purser; two sisters, Brenda Davis and Maxine Mathis; four stepchildren, Daniel Morgan, Adam (Carla) Sims, Heather Gentry, and

Allison Walsh; one grandson, Nolan Purser; and four step-grandchildren, Slade Sims, Tyler Gentry, Madison Gentry, and Alex Walsh; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morgan was preceded in death by her father, Mack Mathis, and her first husband of thirty-five years, Ken Purser; and

WHEREAS, Julene Morgan leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional matriarch, public servant, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Julene Purser Morgan, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Morgan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.